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## Double Portrait - NeoPopRealist ink & pen pattern drawing adaptable to all grades, adults

View results of Int'l NeoPopRealist Art Contest, dedicated to 25th anniversary of NeoPopRealism, in the *NeoPopRealism Journal*:  
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**Art Lesson Plan**  
**Theme:**

### "Double Portrait" or "Faces" - NeoPopRealism - Ink & Pen Pattern Drawing

**SUBJECT:** Arts and Music, Arts and Technology

**GRADES:** 9-12, adaptable to all grades & adults

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#### OBJECTIVE

**Students will:**

- Learn (or be reminded) about NeoPopRealism ink & pen drawing style and brief biography by artist Nadia Russ, NeoPopRealism art style creator (see <http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com> [<http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/>])
- Compare and contrast realistic art and NeoPopRealist art.- Create NeoPopRealist ink & pen/pattern drawing "Double Portrait" inspired by Nadia Russ.
- Develop unlimited imagination, while drawing free-style NeoPopRealist double portraits.

**ATTN Art Teachers:** Please always use a term 'NeoPopRealism' or 'Neopoprealism' when you teach this art style, not "neo-pop realism" or "neo pop realism." A term NeoPopRealism is to describe art style created by Nadia Russ. All other terms-variations are created by unprofessional people, not related to visual arts who just playing with words. Please be professional!

#### MATERIALS

- A book "How to Draw NeoPopRealism Ink Images: Basics", ISBN: 978-0615515755 to learn about NeoPopRealism ink & pen pattern drawing
- 8.5"x11" white drawing paper
- Ink pen black 0.7mm

## PREPARATION

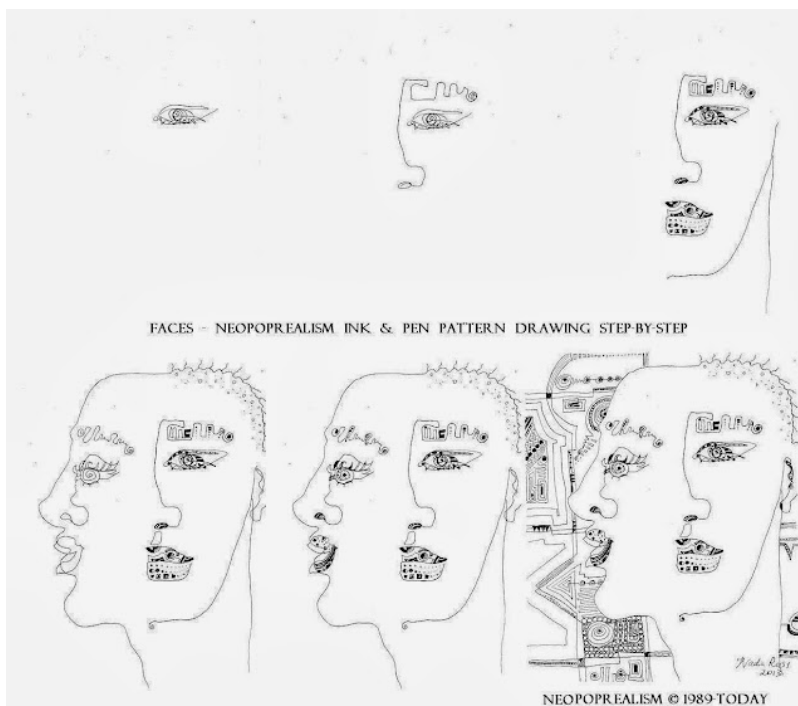
Display some of Nadia RUSS' art posters/prints in the classroom. Have a presentation ready to show students Nadia Russ' NeoPopRealist art. (NeoPopRealist posters are available at [www.neopoprealism.net](http://www.neopoprealism.net) (<http://www.neopoprealism.net/>))

## LESSON PROCEDURE

1.

**Day 1:** Introduce (or remind the details and facts about) NeoPopRealist art style, visual arts and Nadia RUSS' biography to students (every instructional NeoPopRealism's book contains this introduction or website <http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com> (<http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/>)). Compare Nadia Russ' ink pen / pattern drawing portraits and pencil drawings by Rembrandt and other realist's artists. Discuss how they are similar and different.

2. Hand out 8.5"x11" papers. Turn on music (not loud), preferably with syncopation, jazz. Demonstrate how to draw step-by-step NeoPopRealism ink pen / pattern drawing "Double Portrait". Draw the contour of a profile on the right, eye, nose. Then, draw 1/2 of another face on the left - eye, hair, nose, lips. Then, divide hair, lips, etc. and the background into sections. Fill these sections with different repetitive patterns.



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3.

**Day 2:** Continue teaching drawing different repetitive patterns. A book "How to Draw NeoPopRealism Ink Images: Basics", ISBN: 978-0615515755 contains special chapter that offer student pages-Gallery with sections to fill them with different imaginative patterns. As an option student can draw patterns on a spare sheet of paper, divided into 1,5 inch squares, different pattern in each square. Drawing patterns is meditative process; when drawing, students achieve the purity of mind that stimulates creativity.

4. Demonstrate how drawing the different repetitive patterns can change the whole meaning of artwork and its character. Offer students to complete artworks - the images-templates of faces in a book "How to Draw NeoPopRealism Ink Images: Basics", ISBN: 978-0615515755, filling sections with different imaginative patterns.

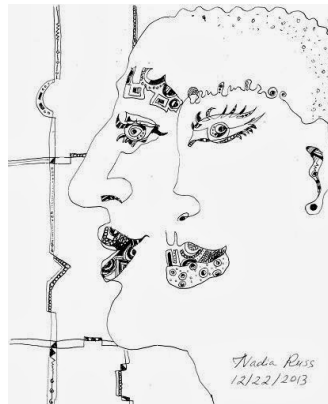
5. **Day 3:** Offer students to draw the NeoPopRealist images of faces from beginning to end on special pages of a book "How to Draw NeoPopRealism Ink Images: Basics", ISBN: 978-0615515755. As an option they can draw faces on white paper 8.5"x11". Explore with students 10 NeoPopRealism canons for happier life. (Canons can be found in every NeoPopRealism instructional book and in [www.NadiaRuss.com](http://www.NadiaRuss.com) (<http://www.nadiaruss.com/>))

6.

**Day 4.** Discuss with students the NeoPopRealism ink pen / drawing concept that Nadia Russ has created in 1989: line creates sections; then, these sections filled with different repetitive patterns, seemed unpredictable and asymmetrically. Eraser never used; this drawing is meditative.

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To inspire your imagination, take a look at another NeoPopRealist double portrait below. There're no limits of your imaginative abilities should be. And more you draw free-style NeoPopRealism, more you develop your imagination/ abilities:



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#### Art lesson plan background and historical information:

##### About NeoPopRealism and Nadia Russ

Nadia RUSS is a Ukrainian-born Russian painter/ graphic artist, she lives in the USA. She is famous for innovative NeoPopRealism art and ink & pen pattern drawing, including abstract, the meditative drawing style that she created in 1989. Instead of careful copying reality - wild life or human figure, Nadia RUSS creates her artwork using imagination. As Nadia RUSS experimented and developed her distinctive techniques, her drawings became more or less symbolic. For her drawings she uses white paper and black ink pen. However, sometimes, she uses blue ink on white paper and gold/silver ink on black paper - <http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com> [<http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/>] / .

How did Nadia RUSS develop her unique and original style NeoPopRealism? RUSS had studied classical drawing and composition since she was a child, but as she studied she found herself drawn to produce less realistic, more imaginative artwork. In 1989, she created NeoPopRealism art style and ink pattern drawing concept: line creates sections; then, these section filled with different repetitive patterns, some section should be left blank. If artwork made on canvas using color paints and a brush, then, it would be a combination of sections filled with hot and cold color paint, partly

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up exhibition in Moscow's famous Manege. Later, she was exhibiting her artwork in art galleries. In 1996, she moved to the Freeport, Bahamas, where her artwork gained special brightness. In 2000, she came to the USA where she lives till present. Nadia Russ create a term "NeoPopRealism" January 4, 2003. Same year, she manifested her new style of visual arts NeoPopRealism internationally. In 2004, she created NeoPopRealism 10 canons for happier life. In 2006-2007, several US and European museums collected Nadia Russ' paintings and drawings and now, these artworks are in the permanent collections of these museums.

#### ARTWORK BY NADIA RUSS

WWW.NADIARUSS.COM



Nadia Russ, Queen of Magic, 1997



Nadia Russ, Faces, 2012



Nadia Russ, The Game, 1997

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Nadia Russ loves to draw faces. She always includes in her ink pen work - faces' and other drawings - the abstract drawings (combinations of different patterns). Read more about NeoPopRealism ink pen/ pattern drawing at <http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/>. This drawing often consists of many small details and is meditative. When you draw repetitive patterns, you enter meditative state of mind, the highest state in which our mind can exist. It increase your learning and creative abilities.



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[Nadia Russ, Mick Jagger, ink/ pen, 1994](#)

In 2004, a few swindlers-craftsmen from RI and MA, who did not know that all Nadia Russ' achievements since early 90s were documented, decided to present themselves as the "creators" of her ink & pen pattern drawing style. This infamous and at the same time comedic story (the swindlers do not have professional skills and simplified this drawing style to unprecedented low level) began in 2002, when Nadia Russ lived in Florida, renting from one of the shameless and hungry for \$ charlatans an apartment on the beach...The story about it and more author tells in a book-autobiography "*DECA-DaNCE*", ISBN: 978-0615655680 published in 2012 in the USA

**NeoPopRealism philosophy for happier life:**


1. Be beautiful;
2. Be creative & productive; never stop studying & learning;
3. Be peace-loving, positive-minded;
4. Do not accept communist or any other totalitarianism's philosophy;
5. Be free-minded, do the best you can to move the world to peace and harmony;
6. Be family oriented, self-disciplined;
7. Be free spirited. Follow your dreams, if they are not destructive, but constructive;
8. Believe in god. God is one, it is harmony and striving for perfection;
9. Be supportive to those who need you, be generous;
10. Create your life as a great adventure story.


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In 2014, NeoPopRealism was 25! A little bit of history. The Bahamas TV, Channel 13:  
Nadia Russ' NeoPopRealist Art Exhibit in 1997:





Traveling back in 1995, in Moscow, Russia. TV program "THIRD EYE". TV studio decorated with Nadia RUSS' NeoPopRealist work:



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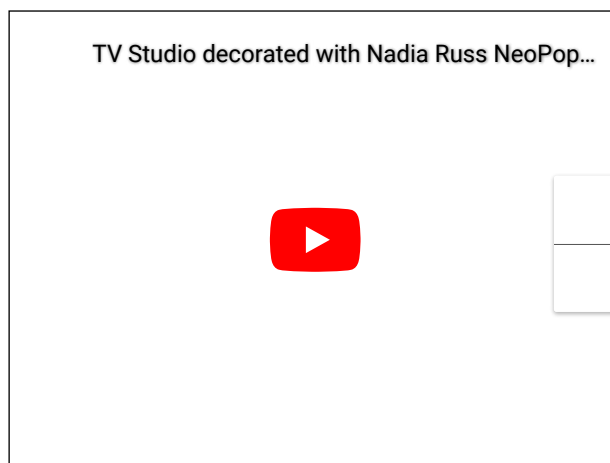

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Also read what newspapers worldwide have written about Nadia Russ' Artwork (click and scroll down in the following website): <http://neopoprealismjournal.wikifoundry.com/page/NeoPopRealism>  
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## RESOURCES:

**\*Fine Art Prints** from the NeoPopRealist art by Nadia Russ:

- <http://neopoprealism.org> [<http://neopoprealism.org/>]

[<http://www.neopoprealism.net/>]

\*Information on NeoPopRealism ink pen/ pattern drawing, its concept and Nadia Russ, who created this style in 1989, biography: <http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com>  
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\*A book *How to Draw NeoPopRealism Ink Images: Basics*, ISBN: 978-0615515755 . It contains a few teaching projects with step-by-step images and patterns drawing instructions, more. Read the book's review written by the art professional/educator: <http://howtodrawneopoprealism.blogspot.com/2011/10/new-series-of-teaching-books-how-to.htm>  
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\*New book for art teachers: *NeoPopRealism Ink & Pen Pattern Drawing: 15 Most Popular ART LESSON PLANS Adaptable to ALL GRADES*, ISBN: 978-0615754659:

\*Nadia Russ' official website [www.nadiaruss.com](http://www.nadiaruss.com) [<http://www.nadiaruss.com/>]

## Follow-up activities:

View Nadia Russ' NeoPopRealism artwork online and discuss NeoPopRealism ink pen pattern drawing style. Name a few artists who invented new styles of visual arts and were the top representatives of new styles: Monet - Impressionism, Dali - Surrealism, Picasso - Cubism, Andy Warhol and Jasper Johns - Pop Art, Jeff Koons - Neo-Pop, Nadia Russ - NeoPopRealism.

## \*NEOPOPREALISM CURIOSITY QUEST\*

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1 Who created the NeoPopRealism art style and its concept?  
 - NADIA RUSS (www.nadiaruss.com)

2 When and where Nadia Russ created the NeoPopRealism art concept and style?  
 - IN 1989, IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA

3 When and where Nadia Russ created a term 'NeoPopRealism'?  
 - JANUARY 4, 2003, IN FLORIDA, USA

4 When and where Nadia Russ was born?  
 - DECEMBER 13, 1959, IN TOWN KONOTOP, EX-USSR

5 Where Nadia Russ primarily lived before coming to the USA?  
 - 1979-1996, MOSCOW, RUSSIA

6 Where Nadia Russ resided in 1996-2000?  
 - FREEPORT, BAHAMAS

7 When and where Nadia Russ began exhibiting her artwork?  
 - IN 1990, MOSCOW, RUSSIA

8 When and where Nadia Russ exhibited her ink/paper graphic artwork for the first time?  
 - IN 1990, IN A FAMOUS MANEGE IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA

9 How the NeoPopRealism art style connected to music and particularly Jazz?  
 - Creating the NeoPopRealism artwork is like playing Jazz on paper, using the visual arts tools. It uses the visual 'syncopation' just